## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

DOCKET NO. 2006- -W

UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF ITS WATER SYSTEM SERVING PLEASANT HILLS SUBDIVISION TO LANCASTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-704 (Supp. 2005), Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a proposed transfer of the Company's water utility system serving the Pleasant Hills subdivision in Lancaster County to the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District (LCWSD).

In support of its application, USSC asserts, among other things, that the public interest will be served by a transfer of this system to LCWSD because customers have requested such a transfer, customers will benefit from the greater economies of scale available to LCWSD, customers will avoid the potential for increased rates by USSC resulting from necessary future improvements to the system if a transfer is not approved, and the average customer in Pleasant Hills subdivision will not experience a rate increase if the proposed transfer is approved based upon current LCWSD residential rates.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and is available from John M.S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

If necessary, a public hearing may be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina in order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should
notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post
Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby &
Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before
, <b>2006.</b> Please refer to <b>Docket No. 2006-W.</b>
Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before, 2006 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2006W.
Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present
testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the
address below on or before

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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